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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A coupon information issuing system for issuing coupon information in accordance with a user's request, comprising:

a service providing server including storing means for storing coupon information to be issued and issuing means for issuing the coupon information in response to a request for issuing said coupon information in conformance with conditions for issue in the case where said conditions for issue are set previously in conjunction with the coupon information to which said issue request is directed;

a receiver including receiving means for receiving the coupon information issued by said service providing server and display means for displaying said received coupon information; and

a user terminal for downloading for storing therein the coupon information displayed by said receiver in accordance with selection of the user.

2. A coupon information issuing system for issuing coupon information in accordance with a user's request, comprising:

a service providing server including first storing means for storing coupon information to be issued and transmitting means for transmitting the coupon information stored in said first storing means; and

a receiver including second storing means for

storing conditions for issuing the coupon information desired by the user and issuing means for making decision as to whether or not said coupon information transmitted from said service providing server satisfies said conditions for issuing said desired coupon information, to thereby issue said coupon information transmitted from said service providing server when said conditions are satisfied.

3. A coupon information issuing system according to claim 2,

said service providing server is so designed as to store advertisement information which is associated with the coupon information to be transmitted to thereby transmit said coupon information and said advertisement information to said receiver, wherein said coupon information and said advertisement information transmitted to said receiver are stored therein separately from each other.

4. A coupon information displaying method of displaying coupon information selected by a user, comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of coupon information, displaying the coupon information selected by the user from said plurality of the stored coupon information;

acquiring other coupon information containing attributes of said displayed coupon information from said plurality of the stored coupon information;

sorting a plurality of said acquired coupon information and said displayed coupon information on the basis of given attribute information; and

displaying said sorted coupon information in accordance with said attribute information.

5. A coupon information displaying method according to claim 4,

wherein said attribute information represents validity terms of said coupon information, respectively.

6. A coupon information displaying method according to claim 4,

wherein said attribute information represents discount rates of said coupon information, respectively.

7. A coupon information displaying method of displaying coupon information selected by a user, comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of coupon information; displaying coupon information selected by the user from said plurality of the stored coupon information;

acquiring other coupon information which can be combined with said displayed coupon information from said plurality of the stored coupon information; and

displaying a plurality of said acquired coupon information and said displayed coupon information on a same image screen.

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8. A coupon information displaying method of displaying coupon information selected by a user, comprising the steps of:

 storing a plurality of coupon information,
 extracting coupon information selected by the user from said plurality of the stored coupon information;

 reading information concerning display of said extracted coupon information from attribute information of said extracted coupon information;

 deciding whether or not said extracted coupon information is capable of being displayed, and

 displaying said coupon information when decision is made that said extracted coupon information can be displayed.

9. A coupon information displaying method according to claim 8,

 wherein when said extracted coupon information is capable of being displayed, information concerning the display of the attribute information of said coupon information is updated.

10. A coupon information displaying method according to claim 9,

 wherein the information concerning the display of the attribute information of said coupon information is information indicating a remaining number of times said coupon information can be displayed.

11. A coupon information issuing system,
comprising:

a service providing server for receiving
coupon information to be issued from a concerned
enterprise together with advertisement information of
said concerned enterprise, to thereby transmit
advertisement-information-appended coupon information
through digital broadcasting;

a receiver including a display for displaying
said advertisement-information-appended coupon infor-
mation received through said digital broadcasting and
storing means for storing the coupon information to
which request for issue is selectively inputted by user
from said advertisement-information-appended coupon
information being displayed; and

a user terminal including a storage for
storing the advertisement-information-appended coupon
information displayed by said receiver by downloading
said information and a display for displaying said
stored advertisement-information-appended coupon
information.